

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/717,889	CHANG ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11-20-2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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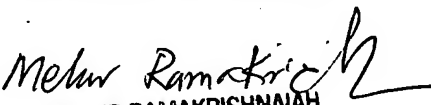
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the invention is related to the field of communication systems, and in particular, to communication devices and methods of operating communication devices that provide enhanced services to users.

The prior art of record in combination or alone fails to teach or suggest these elements of independent claims 1 and 11 in combination with other elements. For example independent claim 1 has claim limitations such as the POTS interface system, responsive to receiving the analog voice signals for the call, converts the analog voice signals received over at least one wire line from analog format to digital format to generate digital voice signals, and forwards the digital voice signals, a processing system, responsive to receiving digital voice signals, performs an application on the digital voice signals to provide at least one presentation format of the digital voice signals of the call to a user, a conversion system, responsive to receiving the digital voice signals, converts the digital voice signals into analog voice signals and forwards analog voice signals, a voice interface system, responsive to receiving the analog voice signals from the conversion system, transmits audible signals to the user representing the analog voice signals, and a digital interface system configured to receive digital data signals from a data service provider over the at least one wire line, and forwards the digital data signals, the processing system, responsive to receiving the digital data signals, perform an application on the digital data signals to provide additional data to the user. Independent claim 11 has claim limitations such as converting the analog voice

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signals received over the at least one wire line from analog format to generate digital voice signals, performing an application on the digital voice signals to provide at least one presentation format of the digital voice signals of the call to a user, converting the digital voice signals into analog voice signals, transmitting audible signals to the user representing the analog voice signals, receiving digital data signals from a data service provider over at least one wire line, and performing an application on the digital data signals to provide additional data to the user. For the above reasons independent claims 1, 11 and their dependent claims 2-10, 12-20 are allowable.

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-- (US Pat: 6,490,550) to Hiri discloses a system and method for IP-based telephone communication utilizing speech-generated text is disclosed.

--(US Pat: 6,345,047) to Regnier discloses system for use at a subscriber site with subscriber line, for simultaneously sending a telephone call from a PSTN compatible telephone terminal on the subscriber site, and IP packets from a first computer, over the subscriber line, the adapter has a converter means for

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converting signals from the telephone terminal into IP packets, and a multiplexer, for sending simultaneously the IP packets representing the telephone call and those from the computer, along the subscriber line.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (703) 305-1461. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00; every other F Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on (703)305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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